

BY: Senator CLEARE

HONORING Carolyn McBain upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on May 14, 2024

WHEREAS, Senior citizens bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the increasingly active roles they play in today's society; their past contributions and future participation are a vital part of, and valuable asset to, the fabric of community life and activity; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Carolyn McBain upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at The Egg Performing Arts Theater at the Empire State Plaza; and

WHEREAS, Each May, the New York State Office for the Aging pauses to acknowledge the outstanding contributions made by older citizens during National Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, Members of older generations have helped build and shape our Nation to be the greatest in the world; they have defended our freedoms and values to ensure that those who come after them may have better lives; nowhere in the Nation is the legacy of their efforts more visible and more a part of the lives of all citizens than here in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn McBain has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence, and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to her community and, consequently, has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, Born on August 28, 1933, in Savannah, Georgia, Carolyn McBain attended Georgia State University and graduated in 1950; she later attended New York University (NYU) in New York City where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 1961; additionally, she attended Fordham University Graduate School of Social Work in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn McBain taught in various high schools in Georgia before she moved to New York City and became first employed with the New York University School of Pathology; upon moving north to the state where she has since resided, Carolyn McBain married her husband, Lucas McBain, in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Holding a myriad of careers throughout her experience-filled life, Carolyn McBain later worked with the Social Service Bureau of Child Welfare in the Bronx from 1971 to 1976; she then became a counselor with the New York City Board of Education District 75; she also was an adjunct teacher and counselor at Fordham and Borough of Manhattan Community Colleges, and was employed by the City of New York for 32 years before her retirement in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Ever active in her community, Carolyn McBain wrote programs for the Alloysius Church Youth Committee in Central Harlem and the Tremont section in the Bronx; she also has developed a program to introduce college students to live Broadway shows, assisted with the seminars at Hunter College and local churches concerning foot care, eye care and hearing aids, coordinated shredding events for seniors in her community with AARP, and currently coordinates the Digital Workshops for Seniors at Kennedy Senior Center and A. Phillip Randolph Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Carolyn McBain offers grief and health referrals for seniors in need, assists the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Northern Manhattan Alumni Chapter with present and future programs, is an alternative delegate from the Tioga Democratic Club District 10 and is a member of various local political clubs; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn McBain is also the founder of Citywide Mental Health for Black Elders, Inc. and assisted with the organization of the Community Board No. 10 Senior Task Force and represents local seniors at the meetings; and

WHEREAS, Devout in her faith, Carolyn McBain is a member of the Parish Council at Saint Charles Borromeo Church and is active in the Rosary Society and Lazarus Project; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by individuals for the benefit of others which Carolyn McBain has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn McBain has enriched the lives of her family, friends and colleagues through her love and respect for others, and through the wisdom which comes from many years of living life to the fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Carolyn McBain upon the occasion of her designation for special recognition by the New York State Office for the Aging; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carolyn McBain.